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PASS TO AMBASSADOR'S EBERLE'S PARTY

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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S CONSULTATIONS IN BRIDGETOWN

APRIL 27 WITH CARICOM

1. MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION: APRIL 18, 1974. PARTICIPANTS  
MR. ANTHONY HILL, JAMAICAN EMBASSY, MR. NEVILLE MCLAREN,  
JAMAICAN EMBASSY, MRS. BARBARA A STEINBOCK, STR, MR.  
STEPHEN LANDE, STR.

2. MR. HILL EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN FINDING OUT WHAT WE  
EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED DURING AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S VISIT  
TO BRIDGETOWN APRIL 27.

3. BARBARA STEINBOCK REVIEWED PROPOSED AGENDA FROM STATE  
76664 AND HE RAISED QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. TRADE REFORM ACT: HE WANTED TO KNOW IF AMBASSADOR

EBERLE WILL BE PREPARED TO SAY HOW HE SEES THE TIMING OF THE ACT. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TITLE III. HE SAID JAMAICA WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP A SYSTEM TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS. HE WAS INTERESTED IN GETTING A REACTION FROM SOMEONE IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE SYSTEM WOULD RUN AFOUL OF U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAWS.

B. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES: MR. HILL NOTED

THAT SOME CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES DO GRANT REVERSE PREFERENCES. HE SAID THAT PUBLICALLY THEY COULD NOT ACKNOWLEDGE A DESIRE TO ELIMINATE THEM. HOWEVER, WE WOULD FIND THEM ADMITTING THIS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. HE WANTED CONFIRMATION THAT THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL PREFERENCES HAD BEEN DROPPED FROM THE TRA.

C. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: MR. HILL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE SEEN BY OTHER LDCS AS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE LDC SOLIDARITY. MR. LANDE ASSURED MR. HILL THAT THIS WAS NOT THE INTENTION AT ALL. HOWEVER, MR. LANDE REMINDED MR. HILL THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH THE EC FOR YEARS AND THAT THE EC OFTEN GIVES AS A REASON FOR ITS INABILITY TO DO SOMETHING THE FACT THAT THE AFRICANS WOULD NOT LIKE IT. IN ADDITION IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT WITHOUT CLOSE CONSULTATIONS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO SUPPORT L.A. OBJECTIVES. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR EBERLE WOULD BE ASKING WHAT FORM THE LAS WOULD LIKE THESE CONSULTATIONS TO TAKE PLACE. IT WAS OUR VIEW THAT THE FORM AND PLACE MIGHT WELL CHANGE AS THE NEGOTIATIONS CAME CLOSER TO THE END.

IN DISCUSSING AREAS OF CONVERGENT INTERESTS, MR. HILL SAID ONE AREA MIGHT BE MODIFICATION OF THE CAP, MAINLY REGARDING SUGAR. OTHER OBJECTIVES OF JAMAICA IN THE MTN WOULD CONCERN (1) CONCESSION ON RUM, (2) DUTY FREE PURCHASE AND TOURIST QUOTA ON RUM AND (3) ELIMINATION OF THE DUTY ON SUGAR.

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FINALLY UNDER THE MTN ITEM HE ASKED HOW FAR THE U.S. HAD PROGRESSED IN ITS POSITION RE THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS WORKING GROUP OF THE TNC. MR. LANDE GAVE A BRIEF RUNDOWN AND SAID WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THEIR VIEWS.

4. OTHER ITEMS MR. HILL FELT WOULD BE RAISED IN BRIDGE-TOWN WERE (A) TERMS OF TRADE; (B) MR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL IN THE UNGA FOR DEVELOPING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION;

HOW THAT SQUARES WITH BILLS PRESENTED IN CONGRESS TO  
RESTRICT EXPORT OF FERTILIZER; HOW DOES THE PROPOSAL  
RELATE TO COUNTRIES DEFICIENT IN THE BASIC RAW MATERIALS  
NEEDED TO PRODUCE FERTILIZERS; AND (C) AVIATION FUEL  
PRICING; I.E. JAMAICA'S BEING REQUIRED TO BUY HIGHER-  
PRICED BONDED FUEL AND THUS THE GREATER STRAIN ON BALANCE  
OF PAYMENTS. KISSINGER  
UNQTE RUSH

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